

Indiana Heritage and Culture Council
Minutes
August 2, 2002

The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council convened at 10:10 a.m. (EST) in Room A of the Indiana Government Center, Conference Center, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Council members present were: Pam Bennett (Indiana Historical Bureau), Sal Cilella (Indiana Historical Society), Chuck Coffey (Indiana Department of Administration), Chair Beth Compton (Governor's Office), Ray Ewick (State Library), Rita Kohn (Citizen Member), Scott Massey (Indiana Humanities Council), Senator James Merritt (Indiana Senate), Jeff Myers (Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites), Nancy Nakano Conner (Asian Community), John Newman (Commission on Public Records), Elizabeth Osborn (Citizen Member), Jane Rulon (Department of Commerce - Tourism and Film Development), Carter Wolf (Citizen Member), and Senator Richard Young (Indiana Senate).

Proxies present: Katy Brett (for Jennifer Swenson, 2016 Project) and Dorothy Ilgen (Indiana Arts Commission)

Council members absent were: Wendy Dant Chesser (Indiana Rural Development Council), Carmen DeRusha (Hispanic Community), Ray Gonyea (Citizen Member), Representative Mark Lytle (Indiana House of Representatives), Representative Tom Saunders (Indiana House of Representatives), Jon Smith (DNR-DHPA), Paul Strack (Native American Community), Bill Sweeney (Indiana War Memorials Commission), Reid Williamson (Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana), and Mayor Richard Ullrich (Citizen Member)

Other attendees were: Rachel Clarens (DNR-DHPA), Michael Coatney (IUPUI and Indiana Humanities Council), Alan January (Indiana State Archives), Jeannie Regan-Dinius (DNR-DHPA), Robin Tew (Governor's Office).

The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council was called to order by Beth Compton of Governor O'Bannon's office.

I. Welcome/Introductions

Ms. Compton welcomed those in attendance and asked new attendees to introduce themselves. She also asked if there were any people serving as proxies. Katy Brett announced she was the proxy for Jennifer Swenson of the 2016 Project. Dorothy Ilgen is the proxy for the Indiana Arts Commission, which has not appointment to the Council.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2002 Meeting – previously distributed

Ms. Compton called for additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 7, 2002 meeting. Ms. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Mr. Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

III. Committee Reports

D. Archives Task Force – *Senator Merritt asked that his report be given first because he needed to leave the meeting early. The Council agreed to the change of the agenda.*

The Committee asked for a report from Alan January and John Newman that discussed the history of the archives, its current conditions, and needs for the future. Senator Merritt has the draft report, but his committee has not seen or discussed it. Senator Merritt would like to have the committee review it before the entire Council has the report for comments. The report will be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Wolf asked if the restructuring of the State government agencies was still on the table for discussion? He pointed out that if it were, then another committee needs to be put together to start the discussions.

Ms. Compton stated that the Collaborative Plan Committee is addressing a portion of this in their committee. Mr. Massey recommended that this discussion be tabled until his committee has a chance to give their report.

A. Collaborative Plan Committee – Scott Massey

Mr. Massey distributed the written report.

Mr. Massey thanks the members of his committee for their hard work. The committee has had excellent feedback. Mr. Massey asked that this report be considered a draft.

The Committee started by surveying other states to see where their culture/heritage communities are. This information will be background information for the report. Because the committee may have missed key pieces, please feel free to send any relevant information to Mr. Massey about other states.

The Committee has created an annotated outline for the report and some draft language.

There are plans for a public meeting to share this information with the general public on October 4, 2002 from 1:00 – 2:00 at the Indiana War Memorial.

Mr. Massey then went through key issues of the written plan, including definitions, other state inventories, the history of Indiana's cultural and heritage, and recommendations.

Ms. Ilgen noted that one of the recommendations of the Committee was to do more planning. The IAC and regional partners in 1998-2000 conducted cultural needs

assessment and cultural plans for all 92 counties, primarily on the arts. There was no standardized cultural planning tool. If the Council plans to do any work this intensity, the group should consider something that is comprehensive.

Mr. Massey noted that the state was well positioned to do something innovative. The Committee wants the input of the entire Council, so if there are recommendations of changes, things to add or delete, please let a member of the Committee know.

There was a consensus by the Council that the report was well done, easy to follow and thought provoking.

Mr. Wolf asked if there were any examples of states using money-tracking systems instead of agencies. He cited the United Way as an example of how this system works in the not-for-profit community. Mr. Massey said he knew of none, but would look into this.

Senator Merritt asked if the Committee had looked extensively at Minnesota. Mr. Coatney noted that while Minnesota has a rich cultural history, they have not done much with collaborative work like Oregon, Maine, or Iowa. Mr. Massey said that the Committee would look closer at Minnesota to determine what Indiana could learn from their work.

Ms. Bennett stated the Minnesota Historical Society and the Ohio Historical Society both receive state funds to do state work. These groups also do some form of fund raising.

Ms. Kohn stated that she believes that the group needs to broaden their definition of culture to include health issues. She cited the Native American community as one example where health care and culture are tied. Ms. Compton noted that the State Legislature created a summer study committee to look at a Native American commission and perhaps this was the best place for this issue to be studied.

Ms. Ilgen noted that the concept of culture has many facets to make a community healthy. While culture could include several topics, the Committee needed to narrow their definitions to make the plan feasible in the time frame given.

Mr. Ewick stated two years ago the budget agency went through a process to group state agencies by function. It became difficult to know where an agency would go because many have multiple tasks. Ms. Bennett noted she would get a copy of that report for the Committee.

B. Technology Committee – Ray Ewick

Mr. Ewick noted that the group has not met yet. Access Indiana has started on the design for the web page.

C. Private/Nonprofit Survey Committee – Jon Smith

Ms. Regan-Dinius reported in Mr. Smith's absence. The Committee's report was distributed along with additional surveys that have come in since the last meeting.

Ms. Regan-Dinius noted that calls are being made to those organizations that have not responded.

Because the issue of Committees was being discussed at this time, Ms. Compton wanted to discuss committee appointments. She thanked the chairs for their information on those members on the committee. Formal appointment will be coming soon.

IV. Agency and Organization News – Jane Rulon

Mr. Wolf asked about the relevance of doing this at every meeting. Because there is only so much time to discuss the work of the committees, this time that is taken having each agency or organization talking about upcoming events, seems a waste of people's time and money.

A discussion then ensued about this portion of the meeting.

Ms. Rulon made a motion that this function be moved to the end of the agenda to allow for full attention to the committee reports. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Other Issues

The group expressed a wish that all members were prepared to talk in detail about the reports handed out today so that the Collaborative Plan Committee can create a report from the entire Council.

Ms. Compton noted that in order to reserve rooms for the Conference Center in 2003, it is necessary to reserve rooms now. Mr. Cilella stated that the Indiana Historical Society is always an option for meeting space. The question was raised if we would still be meeting Open Door. Ms. Regan-Dinius said she posts the agenda on the second floor of the west wing of the State Government Center South. DNR has a place to post agendas; this covers the issues for Open Door. Ms. Kohn made a motion to move the meetings to the Indiana Historical Society. Mr. Newman seconded that motion. The motion carried.

The question was raised though if the group would continue to meeting after the plan is sent to the Governor's office. The Executive Order does not expire. For the Council to continue when the new governor takes office, a new Executive Order must be written.

Mr. Wolf made a motion that the Council continues through 2003. After that time, the Council can decide if they need to meet further. Mr. Massey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Newman asked if the state had a communications software program known as "Angel" that allows for on-line communication within a public environment where you can restrict certain levels? If all of the reports can be put on-line, discussions could occur, and the group would be further ahead. Mr. Ewick said he believed this was a licensed program. Mr. Newman agreed, stating that the license was around \$25,000. Mr. Ewick said that Access Indiana is capable of having information on the website that is not accessible by the public. Mr. Newman suggested that the reports be placed on-line.

VII. Public Comment

Mr. Coatney stated that most states that have a successful collaborative plan have a permanent council.

VIII. Next Meeting: October 4, 2002, 10 AM, Conference Center Room A

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn. Senator Young seconded the motion and it carried. The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. (EST).

After the meeting, Ms. Kohn showed a trailer for a video on the Delaware Indians title "Long Journey Home."